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Letter from J. Calhoun to Anna Clemson, 1850's

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[to Anna?]

[after Catharine's death 1850 or 51?] ²⁴ 1856.

Just received your note enclosed in envelope, letter, and
although I had finished my letter, and this sheet, in order
to say how much obliged I am to you for the offer, to get
and bring on my Tablecloths. I will immediately write
Mr Henry Gourdin, who has five thousand dollars
of mine, in his hands, remaining, out of the funds
raised for your father, and after his death given to
me. The rest has been paid to the bank, and other
debts, and there remains, now at my disposal this
five thousand some hundred dollars, as Mr Gourdin,
has been frequently to Europe, and has offered to attend
to any thing for me I should wish, as a despatch, for
one moment to call on him, to attend to this business.
I will authorise him to send you one hundred,
dollars, as soon as he can arrange it, so you may
now calculate, on the money, and may say sth about
getting the Tablecloths as soon as possible please.
I wish three of the Tablecloths four and a half
long, and two and a half wide. I wish three,
four and a half long, and two and a half wide,
as my dining tables, are narrower than yours.
Two dozen Table Napkins, to suit the Tablecloths.

Six Napkins, to throw over the tea water
a little larger than the napkins for the table,
but of the same quality. Cousin wishes you to
purchase for her a handsome silk dress, either black
or dark blue. She wishes it of rich material, and
enough for two capes, as her brace rubs out her
capes, in the back, and if required yet the trimmings
to suit the dress. What remains of the money, after
paying for the dress, spend for the children, in any
way you think proper, and tell them it is Grandmam,
& Niece's gift. I am almost crazy to see them,
as well as you. Let me know, as soon as you
receive the money, as I shall feel anxious about it.
I have not mentioned James, in my letter, he after
writes me, and is bent on hard study. He is bored
with Mr. M. for the father, & the Gal situation
and he appears to be. This is a note from Mr. H. & H.
I have frequently seen Cousin John Gates, he always
enquires after you, and asks to be remembered to you.
See the picture of him, and I must send mine,
and bid you good night, as it is late. God bless you all.
devotedly
J. Lathrop